

IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend claim 7, 9, and 19 as shown below, in which deleted terms are indicated with strikethrough and/or added terms are indicated with underscoring. This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application.

Claim 1 (original). An inner lid attaching structure for a personal watercraft having an inner lid removably attachable in covering relation to an opening provided in a deck of the personal watercraft and a cover removably attachable in covering relation to the inner lid, the attaching structure comprising:

a locking member which presses an edge of said inner lid placed on an edge of said opening against the edge of the opening when the locking member is in a locked position to assure air-tightness between said inner lid and the edge of the opening;

a projection provided integrally with said locking member which allows attachment of said cover when the locking member is at the locked position, but blocks attachment of said cover by being sandwiched between the deck and the cover when the locking member is at an unlocked position; and

a biasing member which biases said locking member toward the unlocked position, and is provided between said locking member and the deck.

Claim 2 (original). An inner lid attaching structure according to claim 1, wherein said attaching structure is fixed to the deck of the personal water craft.

Claim 3 (original). An inner lid attaching structure according to claim 1, wherein said locking member is pivotally fixed to the deck of the personal water craft, and is rotatable between said locked and unlocked positions.

Claim 4 (original). An inner lid attaching structure according to claim 3, wherein said projection is provided at portion of said locking member furthest from a pivot axis of the locking member.

Claim 5 (original). An inner lid attaching structure according to claim 1, further including a mechanism which normally maintains said locking member in the locked position when said inner lid is pressed by said locking member.

Claim 6 (original). An inner lid attaching structure according to claim 5, wherein said mechanism includes a recess formed on one of said locking member and said inner lid, and a projection formed on the other of said locking member and said inner lid which matingly engages said recess.

Claim 7 (currently amended). An inner lid attaching structure for a personal watercraft having an inner lid removably attachable to a deck of the watercraft in covering relation to an opening provided in the deck and a cover removably attachable to the deck in covering relation to the inner lid, the attaching structure comprising:

a locking member which is pivotally secured to the deck and which secures said inner lid in an air-tight manner over said opening; and

a projection provided integrally with said locking member which prevents attachment of said cover when said inner lid is not secured over said opening.

Claim 8 (canceled).

Claim 9 (currently amended). An inner lid attaching structure for a personal watercraft having an inner lid removably attachable to a deck of the watercraft in covering relation to an opening provided in the deck and a cover removably attachable to the deck in covering relation to the inner lid, the attaching structure comprising:

a locking member which secures said inner lid in an air-tight manner over said opening;

and

a projection provided integrally with said locking member which prevents attachment of said cover when said inner lid is not secured over said opening;

~~according to claim 7~~, wherein said projection prevents attachment of said cover by being sandwiched between the deck and the cover when said inner lid is not secured over said opening.

Claim 10 (original). An inner lid attaching structure according to claim 7, wherein said attaching structure is fixed to the deck of the personal water craft.

Claims 11- 12 (canceled).

Claim 13 (original). An inner lid attaching structure according to claim 7, further including a

mechanism which normally maintains said locking member in a locked position thereof when said inner lid is secured over said opening by said locking member.

Claim 14 (canceled).

Claim 15 (previously presented). An inner lid attaching structure for a personal watercraft having an inner lid removably attachable to a deck of the watercraft in covering relation to an opening provided in the deck and a cover removably attachable to the deck in covering relation to the inner lid, the attaching structure comprising:

a locking member which secures said inner lid in an air-tight manner over said opening;
and

a projection provided integrally with said locking member which prevents attachment of said cover when said inner lid is not secured over said opening, and

wherein said locking member is selectively movable between locked and unlocked positions;

said attaching structure includes a biasing member which biases said locking member toward the unlocked position; and

said projection blocks attachment of said cover when said locking member is in said unlocked position.

Claim 16 (previously presented). An inner lid attaching structure for a personal watercraft having an inner lid removably attachable to a deck of the watercraft in covering relation to an opening provided in the deck and a cover removably attachable to the deck in covering relation to

the inner lid, the attaching structure comprising:

a locking member which secures said inner lid in an air-tight manner over said opening;

and

a projection provided integrally with said locking member which prevents attachment of said cover when said inner lid is not secured over said opening,

wherein said locking member is selectively movable between locked and unlocked positions;

said attaching structure includes a biasing member which biases said locking member toward the unlocked position;

said projection blocks attachment of said cover when said locking member is in said unlocked position; and

wherein said locking member is pivotally fixed to the deck of the personal water craft, and is rotatable between said locked and unlocked positions.

Claim 17 (previously presented). An inner lid attaching structure for a personal watercraft having an inner lid removably attachable to a deck of the watercraft in covering relation to an opening provided in the deck and a cover removably attachable to the deck in covering relation to the inner lid, the attaching structure comprising:

a locking member which secures said inner lid in an air-tight manner over said opening;

and

a projection provided integrally with said locking member which prevents attachment of said cover when said inner lid is not secured over said opening,

wherein said locking member is selectively movable between locked and unlocked

positions;

said attaching structure includes a biasing member which biases said locking member toward the unlocked position;

said projection blocks attachment of said cover when said locking member is in said unlocked position; and

wherein said locking member is pivotally fixed to the deck of the personal water craft, and is rotatable between said locked and unlocked positions, and wherein said projection is provided at portion of said locking member furthest from a pivot axis of the locking member.

Claim 18 (previously presented). An inner lid attaching structure for a personal watercraft having an inner lid removably attachable to a deck of the watercraft in covering relation to an opening provided in the deck and a cover removably attachable to the deck in covering relation to the inner lid, the attaching structure comprising:

a locking member which secures said inner lid in an air-tight manner over said opening;

a projection provided integrally with said locking member which prevents attachment of said cover when said inner lid is not secured over said opening, and

a mechanism which normally maintains said locking member in a locked position thereof when said inner lid is secured over said opening by said locking member, wherein said mechanism includes a recess formed on one of said locking member and said inner lid, and a projection formed on the other of said locking member and said inner lid which matingly engages said recess.

Claim 19 (currently amended). An inner lid attaching structure for a personal watercraft

comprising an inner lid removably attachable to a deck of the watercraft in covering relation to an opening provided in the deck, and a cover removably attachable to the deck in covering relation to the inner lid such that it is separable from both the deck and the inner lid,

the attaching structure comprising:

a locking member which is pivotally secured to the deck and which secures said inner lid in an air-tight manner over said opening; and

a projection provided integrally with said locking member which prevents attachment of said cover when said inner lid is not secured over said opening.